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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: MICROPOROUS HEAT INSULATION BODY

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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The instant paper responds to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-4, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the following claims.

5. A microporous heat insulation body comprising a compressed heat insulation material containing from 30 to 90 % by weight of a finely divided metal oxide, from 0 to 30 % by weight of an opacifier, from 0 to 10 % by weight of an inorganic fibrous material, and from 0 to 15 % by weight of an inorganic binder, characterized in that the body additionally contains from 2 to 45 % by weight of xonotlite, [the heat insulation bodies being manufactured by dry-compressing.]

6. The microporous heat insulation body according to claim 5, characterized in that xonotlite is present in an amount of 5 to 15 % by weight.